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# Trump agrees: No interference

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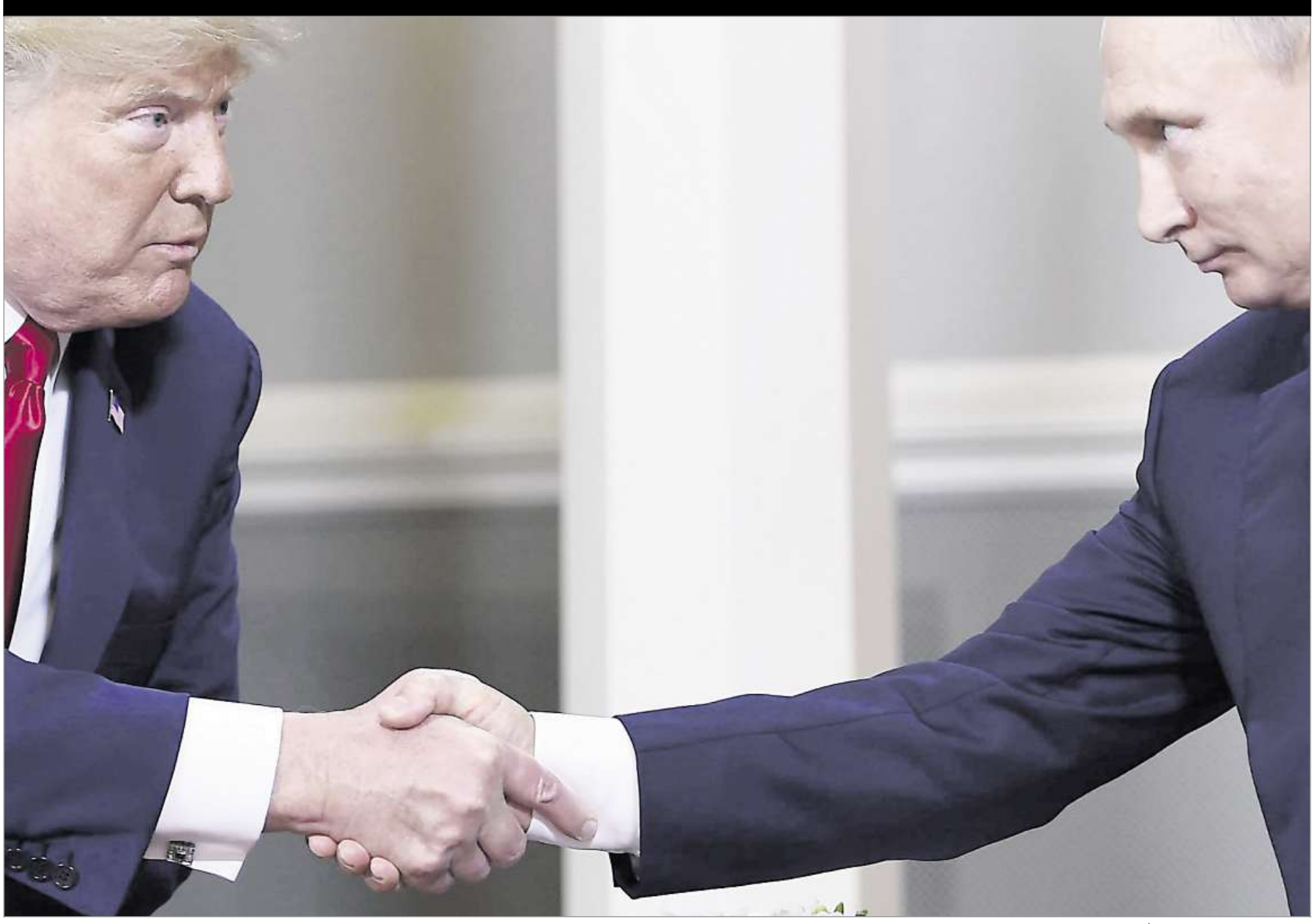

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**President Donald Trump** and Russian President Vladimir Putin met in Helsinki on Monday. The news conference that followed featured the two world leaders pushing back on the notion of Moscow's election interference, with Putin demanding evidence of something he said had never been proved and Trump appearing to agree. The meeting followed the indictment of 12 Russians accused of trying to sway the 2016 U.S. election.

## With Putin at side, he rejects Moscow's election meddling

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HELSINKI — President Donald Trump stood next to President Vladimir Putin of Russia on Monday and publicly challenged the conclusion of his own intelligence agencies that Moscow interfered in the 2016 presidential election, wrapping up what he called a "deeply productive" summit with an extraordinary show of trust for a leader accused of attacking American democracy.

"They said they think it's Russia; I have President Putin, he just said it's not Russia," Trump said, only moments after the Russian president conceded that he had favored Trump in the election because of his promises of warmer relations with Moscow.

"I will say this: I don't see any reason why it would be" Russia that was responsible for the election hacking, Trump added. "I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today."

The 45-minute news conference offered the remarkable spectacle of the American and Russian presidents both pushing back on the notion of Moscow's election interference, with Putin demanding evidence of something he said had never been proved and Trump appearing to agree.

When asked directly whether he believed Putin or his own intelligence agencies, Trump said there were "two thoughts" on the matter and then changed the subject, demanding to know why the FBI never examined

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# Texas lawmakers condemn remarks

## Cornyn urges president to be 'clear-eyed' with Russian chief

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WASHINGTON — Texas lawmakers in both parties expressed shock and dismay at President Donald Trump's eagerness to brush aside allegations of Russian meddling in U.S. elections and other misdeeds at his summit Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Amid the outcry, reviews from Democrats were universally scathing. Few Republicans from Texas were rallying to Trump's defense.

"I don't think we should be taking a former KGB colonel's word for what their intelligence apparatus is doing or not doing. I believe our intelligence community," Sen. John Cornyn told CNN after Trump — sharing a stage with the Russian strongman — asserted that he's not sure whether to believe American spy agencies or Russia regarding allegations of cyberattacks aimed at tilting the 2016 presidential election in his direction.

Ahead of the summit, Cornyn urged Trump to remain "clear-eyed" about Putin, expressing guarded concern that the president might fail to recognize his Russian counterpart as a thug.

On Friday, special counsel Robert Mueller indicted a dozen Russian military intelligence officers on charges that Cornyn called "spot-on."

Sen. John McCain, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee and Trump foil, called it "one of the most disgraceful per-

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TARRANT COUNTY

# Pianist's wife ruled insane in killing of 2 daughters

## Judge sentences her to life in state mental hospital for 2016 deaths

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The estranged wife of a world-famous pianist was found not guilty by reason of insanity Monday in the 2016 slayings of the couple's two young daughters.

Sofya Tsygankova, wife of Vadym Kholodenko, was accused of smothering daughters Nika and Michaela Kholodenko, ages 5 and 1, before trying to kill herself at the family's

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**SOFYA TSYGANKOVA** could be released if a treatment team and a judge agree she's no longer a danger.

IMMIGRATION

# Judge halts deportations briefly

## Migrant families awaiting reunification fear impact of long-term separation

By ALFREDO CORCHADO and DIANNE SOLÍS
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EL PASO — The U.S. government began reuniting Central American children over age 5 with their parents as a fresh court order issued Monday temporarily halted deportations of migrant families divided by the zero-tolerance crackdown.

In this border city, two desperate immigrant parents continued their wait for their children in a drama that punctuated the frustration of a federal judge over the slowness of many reunions. Their three children were only blocks away at the nonprofit Annunciation House.

Both parents, a Salvadoran mother of a son and a daughter, and a Honduran father of a daughter, have been allowed a few visits to the shelter to see their children in one-hour, supervised visits.

Digna Perez, a Salvadoran mother, said she has been separated from son William, 9 and daughter Stefanie, 6, since May 30. She said she worries about the trauma from the separation that came as

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**Push for paid sick time falls short**

A petition to let Dallas voters decide whether private employers should be forced to give employees paid sick leave has failed due to a lack of signatures. **1B**

**Allred, 4 other Dems outraise GOP rivals**

Dallas Democrat Colin Allred has pulled ahead of Rep. Pete Sessions in fundraising — one of five Democrats in Texas who have now eclipsed their rival in a district currently held by a Republican. **1B**

**Also:** The trial over Texas' fetal remains burial law started Monday. **1B**

BUSINESS

**Massive community coming to Cowtown**

Developer Republic Property Group is planning to convert thousands of acres of ranchland 12 miles west of downtown Fort Worth into what is branded as Cowtown's "next great neighborhood." **1D**

WORLD

**Obama draws adulation in Kenya visit**

Former President Barack Obama was in Kenya for his first visit since leaving office, and the adulation he received in his father's native Kenya is in a league of its own. **6A**

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**Rangers' Choo to make All-Star debut**

Rangers outfielder Shin-Soo Choo has been a sports hero for his native South Korea many times over, and his appearance in Tuesday's All-Star game will only add to his story. **1C**

ARTS & LIFE

**5 simple steps to healthier eating**

Good eating habits go hand-in-hand with health, so here are five easy, small suggestions from Dallas-area nutrition pros that can make a huge difference. **1E**